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In re Patent Application of

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FOR: CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING A CATALYST, A

CATALYST, A CATALYST-CERAMIC BODY AND PROCESSES FOR

PRODUCING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioners of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 15, line 33, change "size of the cracks" to --thermal shock temperature

difference--.

Page 18, line 12, after "containing" change "S" to --

Page 23, line 31, change "MPa" to --Pa--; and

Page 53, line 11, change "MPa" to --Pa--.